UNITED
NATIONS

A

General Assembly

Distr.
LIMITED

A/C.2/46/L.97
3 December 1991

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

Forty-sixth session
SECOND COMMITTEE
Agenda item 77 (b)

# DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES FOR THE 1990s

## Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.68

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

1. Under the terms of operative paragraph 14 of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.68, the General Assembly would stress the importance of effective follow-up and monitoring mechanisms for the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s, and, in that context, request the Secretary-General to make resources available from the regular budget of the United Nations to meet the cost of participation of at least one representative of each least developed country at the spring session of the Trade and Development Board, which, in accordance with the provisions of the Programme of Action and Assembly resolution 45/206, would undertake the annual review of progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action.

2. Under the current arrangements established by the General Assembly in resolution 1798 (XVII) and subsequent resolutions, representatives of States which are members of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council are reimbursed for their travel costs from the regular budget. This practice applies to the least developed countries as well as to other Member States. In addition, following the relevant provision of General Assembly resolution 41/213, only the representatives of the least developed countries are reimbursed for their travel costs for attending the sessions of the General Assembly. The proposal contained in paragraph 14 of the draft resolution would therefore modify the existing arrangements established by the General Assembly.

3. It should also be noted in this context that it has been the practice in recent years of facilitating the attendance of representatives of the least developed countries at United Nations meetings through extrabudgetary resources. For example, pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/91, a voluntary fund was established for supporting developing countries' participation in the International Conference on Population and Development in 1994 and, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 45/212, a voluntary fund was established to ensure that developing countries, particularly the least developed among them, participated in the sessions of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change. Similar arrangements have been made to facilitate the participation of representatives of the least developed countries in the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in 1992 and the World Conference on Human Rights in 1993, and in the preparatory process for those conferences.

4. It is estimated that one representative from each of the 40 Member States currently included in the list of the least developed countries would participate in the spring session of the Trade and Development Board in 1992 and 1993. The reference to "the cost of participation" in the draft resolution is subject to interpretation. However, it has been assumed in the present statement that the same practice should apply as for attendance at sessions of the General Assembly. Therefore, only travel costs are included in these estimates. Assuming the full use of this entitlement by representatives of the least developed countries, estimated additional costs of $304,400 would arise during the biennium 1992-1993 for the spring sessions of the Trade and Development Board as follows:

| | 1992<br>$ | 1993<br>$ |
|---|---|---|
| Air fare for 40 participants from least developed countries | 143 000 | 150 200 |
| Terminal expenses for 40 participants from least developed countries | 5 500 | 5 700 |
| Total | 148 500 | 155 900 |

5. No provision has been made under section 15 (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development) of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 1/ for the representation of the least developed countries at any UNCTAD meetings, and it is not anticipated that the requirements of $304,400 could be absorbed under that budget section. Thus, these costs represent additional requirements for the biennium 1992-1993 to be treated within the context of the guidelines for the use of the contingency fund.

6. Under the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 and 42/211, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditures derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the proposed programme budget. In addition, each

statement of programme budget implications and each proposal for revised estimates should contain alternatives to the financing of the proposed new activities from the contingency fund, indicating possible modification, postponement or termination of existing activities.

7. No activity has been identified for termination, deferral, curtailment or modification under section 15 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. Should it not prove possible to meet the required costs from the contingency fund, implementation of the arrangements proposed in paragraph 14 of the draft resolution would have to be postponed, as provided for in the guidelines for the use of the contingency fund.

8. In summary, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.68, an additional appropriation in the amount of $304,400 would be required under section 15 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993, subject to the guidelines for the operation and use of the contingency fund.

Notes

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/46/6/Rev.1).

---

UNITED
NATIONS

A

General Assembly

Distr.
LIMITED

A/C.2/46/L.98
3 December 1991

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

Forty-sixth session
SECOND COMMITTEE
Agenda item 77 (e)

# DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION: ENVIRONMENT

## International cooperation to mitigate the environmental consequences on Kuwait and other countries in the region resulting from the situation between Iraq and Kuwait

## Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.71

## Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

### A. Requests contained in the draft resolution

1. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 1 to 4 of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.71, the General Assembly would:

(a) Urgently appeal to all States Members of the United Nations, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, scientific bodies and individuals to provide assistance for programmes aimed at the study and mitigation of the environmental deterioration of the region, and for strengthening the Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment and its role in coordinating the implementation of these programmes;

(b) Call upon the organizations and programmes of the United Nations system, in particular the International Maritime Organization and the United Nations Environment Programme, to pursue their efforts to assess and counteract the short-term as well as long-term impact of the environmental deterioration of the region;

(c) Request the Secretary-General, through his Personal Representative, to render assistance to the members of the Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment in the formulation and implementation of a coordinated and consolidated programme of action comprising costed project profiles, to help identify and mobilize possible resources for the programme of action and, inter alia, for strengthening the environmental capacities of the members of the Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment to surmount the problem, and to allocate the minimum resources required to enable his Personal Representative to continue to help coordinate the activities of the United Nations system to that end;

(d) Also request the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council, a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

B. Relationship of requests to the approved programme of work

2. Coordination of activities related to mitigation of the environmental consequences on Kuwait and other countries in the region resulting from the situation between Iraq and Kuwait is not included in the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, 1/ nor has a related provision been included under section 1 (Overall policy-making, direction and coordination) of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. 2/

C. Activities by which the proposed request would be implemented

3. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, the Secretary-General would request his Personal Representative to cooperate closely with the Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment and with organizations and programmes of the United Nations system principally responsible for work in this area, in particular the International Maritime Organization and the United Nations Environment Programme, in:

(a) Coordinating the related activities of the United Nations system for the consolidated programme of action;

(b) Formulating the consolidated programme of action comprising costed project profiles;

(c) Identifying and mobilizing possible resources for the programme of action;

(d) Stimulating public awareness;

(e) Liaising with the national authorities concerned;

(f) Monitoring the assistance provided by the United Nations system as well as bilaterally;

(g) Disseminating information, in cooperation with the Department of Public Information;

(h) Preparing progress reports, including a report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session on implementation of the resolution.

## D. Modifications required in the proposed programme of work for the biennium 1992-1993

4. As indicated in section B, the above-mentioned activities are not programmed and hence no modifications will be required in the proposed programme of work for the biennium 1992-1993.

## E. Additional requirements at full cost

5. It is anticipated that, should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, the Personal Representative of the Secretary-General would require the assistance of a Professional staff member (at the P-4 level) to assist her in carrying out the activities outlined in section C above, and general temporary assistance for temporary junior supporting staff and consultants, as well as provision for overtime and travel of staff.

6. On a full-cost basis, these additional requirements for 1992 are estimated at $185,900, as indicated below:

| | | $ |
|---|---|---|
| (a) | General temporary assistance | 33 000 |
| (b) | Consultants | 20 000 |
| (c) | Overtime | 1 500 |
| (d) | Temporary posts | 78 900 |
| (e) | Common staff costs | 27 500 |
| (f) | Travel of staff | 25 000 |
| | | 185 900 |

## F. Potential for absorption

7. Secretarial support would be provided by the Office of the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Vienna. It is not anticipated, however, that any of the requirements outlined in section E above can be absorbed within the provisions under section 1 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

## G. Indication of additional requirements

8. Accordingly, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.71, it is anticipated that net additional resources of $185,900 would be required.

## H. Contingency fund

9. It will be recalled that, under the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditures derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the proposed programme budget. Under that procedure, if additional expenditures are proposed that exceed the resources available from the contingency fund, the activities concerned can be implemented only through redeployment of resources from low-priority areas or modification of existing activities. Otherwise, such additional activities will have to be deferred to a later biennium. A consolidated statement of all programme budget implications and revised estimates will be submitted to the General Assembly towards the end of its current session.

10. No activity has been identified for termination, deferral, curtailment or modification under section 1 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. Should it not prove possible to meet the required costs from the contingency fund, the implementation of the draft resolution may have to be postponed, as provided for in the criteria for use of the contingency fund, adopted by the General Assembly in resolution 42/211 of 21 December 1987.

## I. Summary

11. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.71, it is estimated that an additional non-recurrent appropriation of $185,900 would be required under section 1 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. In addition, an amount of $19,100 would be required under section 36 (Staff assessment), to be offset by an increase in the same amount under income section 1 (Income from staff assessment).

## Notes

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/45/6/Rev.1), vol. I.

2/ Ibid., Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/46/6/Rev.1), vol. I.

---

UNITED
NATIONS

A

General Assembly

Distr.
LIMITED

A/C.2/46/L.98/Add.1
10 December 1991

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

Forty-sixth session
SECOND COMMITTEE
Agenda item 77 (e)

DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION:
ENVIRONMENT

# International cooperation to mitigate the environmental consequences on Kuwait and other countries in the region resulting from the situation between Iraq and Kuwait

## Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.71/Rev.1

## Addendum to the statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

1. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 1 to 4 of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.71/Rev.1, the General Assembly would:

(a) Urgently appeal to all States Members of the United Nations, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, scientific bodies and individuals to provide assistance for programmes aimed at the study and mitigation of the environmental deterioration of the region, and for strengthening the Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment and its role in coordinating the implementation of these programmes;

(b) Call upon the organizations and programmes of the United Nations system, in particular the International Maritime Organization and the United Nations Environment Programme, to pursue their efforts to assess and counteract the short-term as well as long-term impact of the environmental deterioration of the region;

(c) Request the Secretary-General, through his Personal Representative, to render assistance to the members of the Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment in the formulation and implementation of a coordinated and consolidated programme of action comprising costed project profiles, to help identify all possible resources for the programme of action and, inter alia, for strengthening the environmental capacities of the members of the Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment to surmount the problem, and to allocate, within existing resources, the minimum resources required to enable his Personal Representative to continue to help coordinate the activities of the United Nations system to that end;

(d) Also request the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at is forty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council, a report on the implementation of the resolution.

2. With regard to the operative paragraphs cited above, the revision to draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.71 (contained in document A.C.2/46/L.71/Rev.1) affects only the request contained in paragraph 1 (c) above, the requests contained in paragraph 1 (a), (b) and (d) remaining unchanged. The primary change reflected is the request that the Secretary-General allocate, within existing resources, the minimum resources required to enable his Personal Representative to carry out the tasks outlined. The tasks themselves are not materially affected by the revision to the draft resolution. Accordingly, sections B through E of the statement of programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.71 (A/C.2/46/L.98) would remain valid. The estimate of additional requirements for 1992 at full cost would thus remain $185,900.

Potential for absorption

3. As indicated in paragraph 7 of the original statement of programme budget implications (A/C.2/46/L.98), it is not anticipated that any of the requirements outlined in section E of that document can be absorbed within the provisions under section 1 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993, although secretarial support, whose notional cost was not included under section E, would be provided by the Office of the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Vienna. Indeed, the estimate of the minimum resources required, as indicated in section E of the original statement, was predicated on the assumption that the Personal Representative of the Secretary-General could draw on the advice and support of the agencies and organizations of the United Nations system most concerned with the problems addressed by the draft resolution, notably the United Nations Environment Programme and the International Maritime Organization.

4. It is still not anticipated that the requests contained in draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.71/Rev.1 can be fully implemented within existing resources under the regular budget. Accordingly, should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, the Secretary-General would seek to obtain

voluntary contributions to allow him to carry out the tasks enumerated in it. The degree to which he could respond to the requests contained in the draft resolution would, however, depend on his success in obtaining such voluntary contributions.

Summary

5. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.71/Rev.1, no additional appropriations would be required under section 1 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. The extent to which the Secretary-General would be able to respond to the requests contained in that draft resolution, however, would depend upon his success in obtaining voluntary contributions for the related work.

---

UNITED
NATIONS

A

General Assembly

Distr.
LIMITED

A/C.2/46/L.99
4 December 1991

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

Forty-sixth session
SECOND COMMITTEE
Agenda item 88

HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Ioan Barac (Romania), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.54

Developing human resources for development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 45/191 of 21 December 1990 on developing human resources for development and other earlier resolutions on the same subject,

Reaffirming its resolutions S-18/3 of 1 May 1990, containing the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and 45/199 of 21 December 1990, containing the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade,

Reaffirming also that people are central to all development activities and that human resources development is an essential means of achieving economic, social and development goals,

Reaffirming further that human resources development should contribute to total human development, which enlarges the choices available to people in developing their lives and in fulfilling their aspirations,

Recognizing that the promotion of more equitable economic growth and more participatory development will result in qualitatively higher levels of human resources development,

Emphasizing the need to integrate human resources development into comprehensive strategies for human development,

Noting that, while stabilization and structural adjustment programmes are intended to promote economic growth and development, elements of such programmes can have a possible adverse impact on human resources development,

Stressing that Governments of developing countries have the primary responsibility to define and implement appropriate policies for human resources development,

Stressing also that a favourable international economic environment is crucial to enhancing human development in developing countries,

Stressing further the importance of international cooperation in supporting national efforts in human resources development in developing countries and that both North-South and South-South cooperation, including economic and technical cooperation among developing countries, have vital roles to play in this regard,

Emphasizing the need for organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to continue to give priority to human resources development in developing countries,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on developing human resources for development; 1/

2. Emphasizes that in the development of human resources an overall, well-conceived and integrated approach should be adopted, taking into account such vital areas as population, health, nutrition, water, sanitation, housing, communications, education and training, as well as the need to create more opportunities for employment, in an environment which guarantees opportunities for political freedom, popular participation, respect for human rights, justice and equity, all of which are essential for enhancing human capacities to meet the challenge of development;

3. Emphasizes also the vital importance of national capacity-building for human resources development in developing countries and encourages organizations of the United Nations system, particularly the United Nations Development Programme, to intensify activities in support of national efforts in that regard;

4. Emphasizes further the vital importance of appropriate national policies and the implementation thereof to promote human resources development through the optimal use of resources, taking due account of the importance of primary education and primary health care programmes;

---

1/ A/46/461.

5. Stresses the importance of international support for national efforts and regional programmes towards human resources development in developing countries and the need to increase the flow of resources to developing countries for such activities, through, inter alia, the improvement of the international economic environment;

6. Calls upon the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to coordinate their activities in support of national and regional programmes, priorities and activities in the area of human resources development through, among other things, their policy dialogue, resource allocation and strengthening the database for planning and monitoring, as well as through appropriate, measurable, qualitative and quantitative goals for human resources development;

7. Decides to keep under constant review the progress made in human resources development, in particular, during its review of the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, and, in that regard, requests the Secretary-General to include in his report on the implementation of the Strategy an analysis of human resources development;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution, including specific proposals for action to enhance inter-agency coordination of the United Nations system on issues relating to human resources development and to monitor the activities of the United Nations system in support of human resources development objectives;

9. Also requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the relevant bodies, to include in his report recommendations to help mitigate the possible adverse effects of stabilization and structural adjustment programmes on human resources development, with a view to making national policies more supportive for human resources development;

10. Decides to include in the agenda of its forty-eighth session the item entitled "Human resources development".

---

UNITED
NATIONS

A

General Assembly

Distr.
LIMITED

A/C.2/46/L.100
4 December 1991

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

Forty-sixth session
SECOND COMMITTEE
Agenda item 77 (g)

# DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION: HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

## Living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory

## Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.58

## Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

### A. Requests contained in the draft resolution

1. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 6 and 7 of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.58, the General Assembly would:

(a) Request the Secretary-General to consider ways and means of improving the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory and to plan for concerted economic and social actions by the United Nations system during the transitional period between occupation and self-determination;

(b) Also request the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the progress made in the implementation on the present resolution.

### B. Relationship of the proposed requests to the approved programme of work

2. The requested activities are not included in programme 22, "Human settlements", of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, 1/ and are not programmed under section 19, "United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)", of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. 2/

C. Activities by which the proposed requests would be implemented

3. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, the Secretary-General would assign the responsibility for the implementation of the request contained in operative paragraph 6 to the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat). Habitat would convene an expert group meeting at Geneva, for five working days, during the first half of 1992. The experts would address the issues raised in the draft resolution and make appropriate recommendations to the Secretary-General. The services of consultants would be required to prepare a background paper on the subject for consideration at the meeting. Finally, a report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the draft resolution would be prepared in 1992 for consideration by the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly.

D. Modifications required in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993

4. The activities called for by the draft resolution would require the addition of new programme narratives to section 19, "United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)", subprogramme 1, "Global issues and strategies", of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993, as follows:

Under Parliamentary services, add:

One report of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly on living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory and on actions by the United Nations system for improving those conditions during the transitional period between occupation and self-determination.

Insert a new category of activity reading:

Ad hoc expert groups

Meeting on issues concerning living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory with a view to making appropriate recommendations to the Secretary-General.

E. Additional requirements at full costs

5. The requirements to undertake the activities described in paragraph 4 above are as follows:

| | $ |
|---|---|
| Consultancy services (two consultants for two work-months each) | 29 000 |
| Ad hoc expert group (five experts for one five-day meeting at Geneva) | 12 000 |
| Travel and daily subsistence allowance for two staff members of Habitat for the servicing of the ad hoc expert group meeting at Geneva | 6 000 |
| Total | 47 000 |

## F. Potential for absorption

6. No provision has been made under section 19 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 to undertake the activities described in paragraph 4 above. It is not anticipated that the expenditure of $47,000 referred to above could be absorbed under section 19 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. Thus, it represents additional requirements for the biennium 1992-1993 to be treated within the context of the guidelines for the use of the contingency fund.

## G. Contingency fund

7. Under the procedures established by the General Assembly in resolutions 41/213 and 42/211, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditures derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the programme budget. If additional expenditures are proposed that exceed the resources available from the contingency fund, the activities concerned can be implemented only through the redeployment of resources from low-priority areas or the modification of proposed activities; otherwise, such additional activities will have to be deferred to a later biennium. In addition, each statement of programme budget implications and each proposal for revised estimates should contain alternatives to financing the proposed new activities from the contingency fund.

8. In the event that the additional $47,000 cannot be financed from the contingency fund, the following activities of low priority under section 19 would be postponed to the biennium 1994-1995:

Subprogramme 1. Global issues and strategies

Activities:

2. Published material

(b) Two non-recurrent publications; two synopses of evaluations undertaken during 1991 and 1992 (eight work-months of Professional staff, five work-months of local-level staff, and $6,000 for external printing and binding).

## H. Conclusions

9. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.58, the programme of work under section 19 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 would be increased by the additional activities listed in paragraph 4 above.

10. An additional appropriation in the amount of $47,000 would be required under section 19 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993, subject to the guidelines for the operation and use of the contingency fund.

## Notes

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/45/6/Rev.1), vol. I.

2/ Ibid., Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/46/6/Rev.1), vol. I.

---

UNITED
NATIONS

A

General Assembly

Distr.
LIMITED

A/C.2/46/L.101
9 December 1991

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

Forty-sixth session
SECOND COMMITTEE
Agenda item 12

REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Bozorgmehr Ziaran (Islamic Republic of Iran), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.34

# Report of the Committee for Development Planning: criteria for identifying the least developed countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 45/206 of 21 December 1990 on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s,

Recalling also the recommendation of the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries on the criteria for identifying the least developed among developing countries, 1/

Taking note of paragraph (b) of Economic and Social Council decision 1991/275 of 26 July 1991 on chapter V of the report of the Committee for Development Planning on its twenty-seventh session, 2/

Recognizing that the decision to include any country in the group of least developed countries should be made with its due consent,

---

1/ See A/CONF.147/18.

2/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1991, Supplement No. 11 (E/1991/32), chap. V.

1. Notes with appreciation the new criteria for identifying the least developed among the developing countries and the graduation rules recommended by the Committee for Development Planning, and requests the Committee to consider further possible improvements in the criteria and their applications and report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session, through the Economic and Social Council;

2. Requests the Committee for Development Planning to undertake every three years a general review of the list of low-income countries, with a view to identifying which of those countries should qualify for inclusion in, or should be graduated from, the list of least developed countries, and to present this review to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council;

3. Decides that the General Assembly will act on the recommendations of the Committee for Development Planning for the inclusion of a country in the list of least developed countries, provided the country concerned has signified its consent;

4. Stresses that there is need for a smooth transition of the countries graduating out of the group of least developed countries, with a view to avoiding disruption in their development plans, programmes and projects, and invites Governments, international organizations and other concerned parties to take appropriate steps to ensure such a smooth transition;

5. Decides, in this context, that the graduation of a country will be completed following a transitional period of three years, which will commence immediately after the General Assembly has taken note of the finding of the Committee for Development Planning to graduate that country;

6. Endorses the recommendations of the Committee for Development Planning regarding the inclusion of Cambodia, Solomon Islands, Zaire and Zambia in the list of least developed countries; 3/

7. Takes note of the finding of the Committee for Development Planning to graduate Botswana from the list of least developed countries and decides that its graduation from the list will be completed following a transition period of three years in accordance with paragraph 5 of the present resolution;

8. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to report to the Conference at its eighth session on the resources and other implications of the application of the new criteria for identifying the least developed countries on the implementation of the Programme of Action for them for the 1990s;

---

3/ Ibid., para. 256.

9. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to follow his above-mentioned report to the Conference with a report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the same subject.

---

UNITED
NATIONS

A

General Assembly

Distr.
LIMITED

A/C.2/46/L.102
5 December 1991

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

Forty-sixth session
SECOND COMMITTEE
Agenda item 86

# TRAINING AND RESEARCH: UNITED NATIONS INSTITUTE FOR TRAINING AND RESEARCH

## Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.77

## Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

1. By operative paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.77, the General Assembly would:

(a) Request the Secretary-General, on the basis of the recommendations of the consultant and the comments made thereon before the Second Committee, and in close consultation with the appropriate United Nations bodies and the appropriate offices of the Secretariat and in collaboration with the Board of Trustees of the Institute, to formulate, in accordance with paragraph 35 of his report (A/46/619), a set of operational measures for the restructuring of the Institute, taking fully into account the comments made by the Board of Trustees and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the report of the consultant;

(b) Also request the Secretary-General, taking into account the above-mentioned provisions, to review the situation with regard to the headquarters building of the Institute, since under current market conditions its sale would not be profitable, and, in the meantime, to make good use of the space available in that building with a view to reducing the Institute's debt to the United Nations;

(c) Decide, in the interim and as a transitional measure, to grant two million United States dollars to the General Fund of the Institute as a contribution to the Institute's training services in the field of

international cooperation and multilateral diplomacy for all Member States and for United Nations staff members.

2. The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), was established in 1965, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1934 (XVIII) of 11 December 1963. The Institute was set up as an autonomous entity within the framework of the United Nations for the purpose of providing research and training for Member States. In accordance with its Statute, UNITAR should be fully financed from extrabudgetary resources. Since its inception, however, the financial situation of the Institute has been a subject of constant concern. By resolution 38/177 of 19 December 1983, the General Assembly provided the Institute with an advance of $886,000 from the regular budget. As at 30 September 1991, the overall debt of UNITAR to the United Nations, reflecting shortfalls and deficits for the previous period, stood at $4,744,000 which, together with the sum advanced by the United Nations for the purchase of land, is expected to reach approximately $10.1 million by the end of 1991.

3. By its resolution 45/219 of 21 December 1990, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to appoint a high-level independent consultant who would submit a report containing recommendations concerning the Institute. The consultant's report (see A/46/482, annex) states that the mandate of UNITAR remains valid, and contains a number of recommendations on the restructuring of the Institute and the streamlining of its operations. The report indicates that the minimum level of resources required from the regular budget of the United Nations to maintain UNITAR would be around $2 million per year (i.e., approximately $1.3 million for the salaries of 15 staff and $600,000 for other espenses). In the report of the Secretary-General on UNITAR (A/46/619), it is suggested that the Institute be incorporated into the United Nations University as its Research and Training Centre, and that the status and terms of reference of the Institute should be changed accordingly.

4. The position of the Secretary-General as regards a grant from the regular budget of the United Nations is as follows:

> "... the Secretary-General is of the opinion that the Institute could not effectively function unless its General Fund benefits from sufficient and regular flows of annual contributions at a minimum level of $2 million in real terms. Within this framework and in relation to the indicative staffing structure proposed by the consultant, the Secretary-General agrees with the recommendation, also endorsed by the Board of Trustees, that the Institute be headed by an official with the rank of D-2, as this would also be consistent with the practice prevailing for other United Nations institutes." (A/46/619, para. 36)

In that context, attention is also drawn to paragraph 16 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) on UNITAR (A/46/624), which reads as follows:

"The consultant has proposed in his report and has also reconfirmed to the Advisory Committee that it is his view that, should the General Assembly decide to continue the mandate of UNITAR, albeit with its redefined aims, it would be necessary to provide an amount of $2 million per annum to UNITAR from the regular budget of the United Nations in order for the Institute to carry out successfully the activities recommended in the report, unless of course adequate funding could be assured on a regular basis through voluntary contributions or user fees. In the opinion of the Advisory Committee, the matter can only be addressed after the determination called for in paragraph 8 [of the report of ACABQ] has been made in the light of the information requested in paragraph 7 [of the same report]. For example, if system-wide agreement for the consolidation of training activities is obtained, the resources currently being utilized by the United Nations and the specialized agencies for their existing training programmes can perhaps be redeployed, in part, towards the Institute's General Fund and operational costs fund."

5. The provision of a grant of $2 million would result in additional requirements for the biennium 1992-1993 under section 34, Special expenses, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. 1/ This additional expenditure would be treated in the context of the guidelines for the use of the contingency fund. It will be recalled that, under the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 and 42/211, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditures derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the programme budget. In addition, each statement of programme budget implications and each proposal for revised estimates should contain alternatives to financing the proposed new activities from the contingency fund through the redeployment of resources from the low-priority areas or the modification of existing activities.

6. No activity has been identified for termination, deferral, curtailment or modification in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. Should it not prove possible to meet the costs of the grant from the contingency fund, the Institute would receive no contribution from the regular budget to its General Fund.

7. In summary, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.77, an additional appropriation in the amount of $2 million would be required under section 34, Special expenses, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993, subject to the guidelines for the operation and use of the contingency fund.

Notes

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/46/6/Rev.1), vol. II.

---

UNITED
NATIONS

A

General Assembly

Distr.
LIMITED

A/C.2/46/L.103
5 December 1991

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

Forty-sixth session
SECOND COMMITTEE
Agenda item 82

OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT

Draft decision submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Ioan Barac (Romania), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft decision A/C.2/46/L.70

Strengthening of the work of the United Nations in the field of operational activities

The General Assembly, in the context of the need to strengthen the operational activities of the United Nations system and bearing in mind the restructuring and revitalization process, and in order to more effectively and efficiently support the developing countries in their development process, decides:

(a) To request the Economic and Social Council, at its organizational session for 1992, to consider whether the question of strengthening the operational activities of the United Nations system is discussed by the Council at its regular session of 1992, taking into account in that regard the recommendations of the twenty-sixth series of Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Administrative Committee on Coordination; 1/

(b) To request the Secretary-General to submit to the Economic and Social Council, at its regular session of 1992, an analytical report on strengthening the operational activities of the United Nations system, which should include the governance and financing aspects thereof and draw upon

---

1/ See E/1991/143, para. 69.

relevant studies, such as the Nordic United Nations project, 2/ and which also should identify other relevant and interrelated aspects of strengthening the effectiveness and efficiency of the operational activities of the United Nations system.

---

2/ See A/C.2/46/7.

UNITED
NATIONS

A

General Assembly

Distr.
LIMITED

A/C.2/46/L.104
5 December 1991

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

Forty-sixth session
SECOND COMMITTEE
Agenda item 77 (b)

# DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES FOR THE 1990s

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Bozorgmehr Ziaran (Islamic Republic of Iran), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.68

## Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 45/206 of 21 December 1990, in which it endorsed the Paris Declaration and the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s, adopted by the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries,

Deeply concerned about the continuing deterioration in the socio-economic situation of the least developed countries as a whole and the adverse impact of the recent unforeseen external developments and other emergencies on their overall socio-economic situation,

Recalling the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, 1/ in which it was stated, inter alia, that it would be essential to stem the increasing marginalization of the least developed countries and to reactivate their growth and development through comprehensive national action and international support measures,

---

1/ Resolution S-18/3, annex.

Reaffirming the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, 2/ in which Member States stressed, inter alia, the need for full implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s, adopted by the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, held in Paris from 3 to 14 September 1990, 3/

Recalling that the prime objective of the Programme of Action is to arrest the further deterioration in the socio-economic situation of those countries, to reactivate and accelerate their growth and development and, in the process, to set them on the path of sustained growth and development,

Reaffirming the basic principles outlined in the Programme of Action as the basis for action by the least developed countries and their development partners, including international organizations, financial institutions and development funds, to promote fundamental, growth-oriented transformation of the economies of those countries,

Recalling the solemn commitment of the international community, as contained in the Paris Declaration, adopted by the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, 3/ to implement the Programme of Action throughout the 1990s,

Stressing that successful implementation of the Programme of Action will depend on shared responsibility and strengthened partnership for the growth and development of the least developed countries,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General; 4/

2. Calls upon all Governments, international and multilateral organizations, financial institutions and development funds, the organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system and all other organizations concerned to take concrete measures to implement fully the Programme of Action as a matter of urgency;

3. Reaffirms that the least developed countries have the primary responsibility for the formulation and effective implementation of national policies and priorities for their growth and development and should continue to implement the commitments they undertook at the Paris Conference and, in that context welcomes the fundamental and far-reaching changes that have been or are being initiated in the least developed countries;

---

2/ Resolution 45/199, annex.

3/ Report of the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Paris, 3-14 September 1990 (A/CONF.147/18), part one.

4/ A/46/566.

4. Stresses that the implementation of growth and development-oriented domestic policy initiatives by the least developed countries deserves the increased support of all their development partners;

5. Strongly urges the international community, in particular the donor countries, to implement fully and expeditiously their commitments in all areas, as set out in the Programme of Action, so as to provide adequate external support to the least developed countries, and keep under review the possibility of implementing further new steps in specific areas of importance to the least developed countries;

6. Welcomes the decision to upgrade to a division, the unit of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development that deals, inter alia, with the least developed countries and expresses the hope that the division will concentrate more fully on the problems and requirements of the least developed countries;

7. Invites the governing bodies of the organs, organizations, agencies and programmes of the United Nations system to continue to take the necessary and appropriate measures for effective implementation and follow-up of the Programme of Action within their respective spheres of competence and according to their mandates;

8. Invites the preparatory bodies of all relevant forthcoming major meetings and conferences of the United Nations system to take into account the outcome of the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

9. Requests the Secretary-General, in conformity with paragraph 142 of the Programme of Action, 3/ to continue to ensure the full mobilization and coordination of all organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system in the implementation and follow-up of the Programme of Action, in close collaboration with the Director-General for Development and International Economic Cooperation, the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the secretariats of the regional commissions and the lead agencies for the aid groups;

10. Calls upon all relevant organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system to establish focal points for the least developed countries, if they have not already been established, and to strengthen the existing ones in order to involve them actively in the implementation of the Programme of Action throughout the 1990s, and also calls upon them to take steps to operationalize the recommendations contained in the Programme of Action that fall within their area of competence;

11. Urges all Governments, international and multilateral organizations, regional economic integration organizations and relevant non-governmental organizations to continue to pay special attention to the problems of the least developed countries, and, in this regard, deeply appreciates the Tokyo Forum on the development problems of the least developed countries, organized

in Tokyo from 13 to 15 May 1991 by the Government of Japan in collaboration with the United Nations Capital Development Fund;

12. Deeply appreciates the contributions of individual countries to specific United Nations programmes for the least developed countries;

13. Emphasizes once again the importance of economic and technical cooperation between the least developed countries and other developing countries, and, in that regard, highly recommends mechanisms of economic and technical cooperation among developing countries to strengthen the development efforts of the least developed countries and urges the development partners to assist in such activities;

14. Stresses the importance of effective follow-up and monitoring mechanisms for the Programme of Action, and, in that context, requests the Secretary-General to mobilize extrabudgetary resources to ensure the participation of at least one representative of each least developed country at the spring session of the Trade and Development Board, which, in accordance with the provisions of the Programme of Action and General Assembly resolution 45/206, will undertake the annual review of progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action;

15. Calls upon the international community to continue to assist the land-locked and island least developed countries in addressing their special problems, in line with the relevant recommendations contained in the Programme of Action;

16. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution and to report, on a continuing basis, on the implementation of the provisions of the Programme of Action.

---

UNITED
NATIONS

A

General Assembly

Distr.
LIMITED

A/C.2/46/L.105
5 December 1991

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

Forty-sixth session
SECOND COMMITTEE
Agenda item 12

REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Bozorgmehr Ziaran (Islamic Republic of Iran), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.31

# Convening of an international conference on the financing of development

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, contained in the annex to its resolution S-18/3 of 1 May 1990, and the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, contained in its resolution 45/199 of 21 December 1990,

Recalling its resolution 45/234 of 21 December 1990, on the implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, as well as other relevant resolutions in the field of international economic cooperation,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council decision 1991/274 of 26 July 1991 concerning an international conference on the financing of development,

Noting with interest the remark of the Secretary-General, contained in his report on the work of the Organization, that a reinvigoration of the North/South dialogue had become more urgent than ever, 1/

Noting also with interest the proposal made by the Secretary-General, in the same report, that consideration should be given to the convening of an international conference on the financing of development,

Taking note with interest of the note by the Secretary-General on the convening of an international conference on the financing of development, 2/

1. Decides to consider at its forty-seventh session the issue of the convening of such an international conference;

2. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-seventh session an item entitled "International conference on the financing of development" and requests the Secretary-General, in close consultation with the multilateral financing institutions, to submit a report on the item to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session.

---

1/ A/46/1.

2/ A/46/594.

UNITED
NATIONS

A

General Assembly

Distr.
LIMITED

A/C.2/46/L.106
5 December 1991

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

Forty-sixth session
SECOND COMMITTEE
Agenda item 80

# INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION FOR THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Bozorgmehr Ziaran (Islamic Republic of Iran), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.40

## International cooperation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, contained in the annex to its resolution S-18/3 of 1 May 1990, and the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, contained in the annex to its resolution 45/199 of 21 December 1990,

Reaffirming also its resolutions 43/195 of 20 December 1988, 44/212 of 22 December 1989 and 45/213 of 21 December 1990,

Noting that the eradication of poverty in developing countries has become a top priority development objective for the 1990s,

Stressing that effective national policies supported by a favourable international economic environment can promote growth and development in developing countries, thus increasing their capacity to undertake social and economic programmes to eradicate poverty,

Noting that efforts so far made nationally and internationally to eradicate poverty have not had a significant impact on the problem of increasing poverty,

Aware that achieving the objective of eradicating poverty requires more concerted action at all levels,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries; 1/

2. Stresses the importance of domestic policies, including effective budgetary policies, to mobilize and allocate domestic resources for the eradication of poverty, through, inter alia, the implementation of food, health, education, housing and population programmes;

3. Reiterates that a supportive international economic environment is crucial to the success of efforts of developing countries to deal with the eradication of poverty;

4. Reiterates also its request to the international community to adopt specific and effective measures designed to increase financial flows to developing countries, including attainment of the agreed target of 0.7 per cent of gross national product for official development assistance, as well as of the targets for the least developed countries adopted by the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, 2/ in order to strengthen the efforts of developing countries to eradicate poverty;

5. Calls upon the international community to implement technical cooperation programmes in order to improve the situation in the areas of food, health, education, population and housing and meet other basic needs of the populations of developing countries, in particular the poorest groups among them, and, in this context, reaffirms that, with respect to the transfer of technology on concessional and preferential terms, in particular to developing countries, effective modalities should be examined with a view to implementing and enhancing that transfer as much as possible;

6. Encourages the international community, as well as the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, to support the programmes of developing countries, including human resources development programmes, in order to strengthen endogenous technical capacities and generate opportunities for production and employment;

---

1/ A/46/454.

2/ See Report of the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Paris, 3-14 September 1990 (A/CONF.147/18), part one.

7. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session on the progress made in the coordinating actions undertaken, in cooperation with governmental and non-governmental organizations and other multilateral bodies, to formulate improved and enhanced action-oriented technical cooperation programmes for the eradication of poverty in developing countries, within the framework of the United Nations system, in accordance with the policies, priorities and strategies of those countries;

8. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-seventh session an item entitled "International cooperation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries."

---

UNITED
NATIONS

A

General Assembly

Distr.
LIMITED

A/C.2/46/L.107
6 December 1991

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

Forty-sixth session
SECOND COMMITTEE

# DRAFT BIENNIAL PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE SECOND COMMITTEE FOR 1992-1993

Note by the Secretariat

The General Assembly, in resolution 39/217 of 18 December 1984, paragraph 5, requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Second Committee for consideration and approval each year a proposed biennial programme of work. The draft biennial programme of work of the Second Committee for 1992-1993, which is annexed to the present document, has been prepared on the basis of existing legislative authority. It also takes into account the draft proposals on which the Second Committee has taken action. The draft proposals that are pending action by the Committee have been placed in square brackets. The information contained in the annex, including that on documentation, will be updated orally by the Secretariat when the draft biennial programme of work for 1992-1993 is considered by the Committee.

The attention of the members of the Second Committee is drawn to the ever increasing number of separate items proposed for inclusion in the programme of work of the Committee, a number of which contradict the biennialization of the work of the Committee. The number of separate items has increased from 6 at the forty-second session to 16 proposed items for the forty-seventh session (including 15 substantial sub-items). The proliferation of new separate items, some of which are being considered annually, is clearly inconsistent with the intent of General Assembly resolution 39/217, entitled "Biennial programme of work for the Second Committee". The Committee may wish to address this problem in the context of its consideration of the draft biennial programme of work for 1992-1993.

ANNEX

Draft biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 1992-1993 a/

(as at 6 December 1991)

1992

Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council b/

(a) Protection against products harmful to health and the environment

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on protection against products harmful to health and the environment (General Assembly resolution 39/229 of 18 December 1984) c/

(b) United Nations Population Award

Documentation — Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund on the United Nations Population Award and Trust Fund (Economic and Social Council decision 1982/112 of 26 April 1982)

(c) Restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system

Documentation — Draft resolution entitled "Implementation of section II of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system" (General Assembly decision 45/436 of 21 December 1990)

[(d) Assistance to the Palestinian people

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.12)] c/

[(e) Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the economic and social consequences of Israel's establishment of settlements in the Palestinian territory, the Syrian Golan and the other occupied Arab territories (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.8 and Corr.1)] c/

[(f) Impact of recent evolution of East-West relations on the growth of the world economy, in particular on the economic growth and development of the developing countries

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the impact of East-West relations on the growth and development of developing countries (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.21)] c/

(g) Prevention and control of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS)

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.33/Rev.1 c/

[(h) Report of the Committee for Development Planning: criteria for identifying the least developed countries

Documentation — Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the resource and other implications of the application of the new criteria for identifying the least developed countries on the implementation of the Programme of Action for those countries for the 1990s (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.34)] c/

Item 2. Development and international economic cooperation

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 45/193 on the support of the international community for the economic and social infrastructure of Yemen c/

Report of the Secretary-General on the net transfer of resources between developing countries and developed countries (General Assembly resolution 45/192 of 21 December 1990)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution on large-scale pelagic driftnet fishing and its impact on the living marine resources of the world's oceans and seas (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.7/Rev.2)

[Report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in the implementation of the resolution on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.58)] c/

[Report of the Secretary-General on requirements necessary to implement the decisions on desertification and drought of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.109)]

[Report of the Secretary-General on the report of the Commonwealth Group of Experts on the Impact of Global Economic and Political Change on the Development Process (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.89)]

Report of the Secretary-General on further substantive follow-up to General Assembly resolutions 42/186 and 42/187 by Governments and organizations of the United Nations system (General Assembly resolution 44/227 of 22 December 1989) c/

Report of the Secretary-General on cooperation in fisheries in Africa (General Assembly resolution 45/184 of 21 December 1990 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/73 of 26 July 1991) c/

Report of the Secretary-General on the review and coordination of the efforts of all organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to pursue sustainable and environmentally sound development (General Assembly resolutions 42/186 and 42/187 of 11 December 1987, and 44/227 of 22 December 1989) c/

(a) Trade and development

Documentation — Report of the Trade and Development Board (General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) of 30 December 1964) c/

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on world commodity trends and prospects (General Assembly resolution 45/200 of 21 December 1990)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 45/202 on specific measures in favour of island developing countries

Report of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on its eighth session (General Assembly resolution 45/261 of 3 May 1991)

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening international organizations in the area of multilateral trade (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.22)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the international code of conduct on the transfer of technology (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.92)

(b) Food and agricultural development

Documentation — Report of the World Food Council c/

Report of the Secretary-General on trends in the international market for agricultural and tropical products and developments in the liberalization of international trade in agricultural and tropical products (Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/53 of 26 July 1991)

(c) New and renewable sources of energy

Documentation — Report of the Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy (General Assembly resolution 37/250 of 21 December 1982) c/

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 45/208

(d) Development of the energy resources of developing countries

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on a comprehensive programme of action for the acceleration of the exploration and development of energy resources in developing countries (General Assembly resolution 45/209 of 21 December 1990) c/

[Item 3. Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

Documentation — Report of the Conference (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.75)]

[Item 4. Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.80]

[Item 5. International cooperation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in the coordinating actions undertaken to formulate improved and enhanced action-oriented technical cooperation programmes for the eradication of poverty in developing countries (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.106)]

[Item 6. External debt crisis and development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.38]

Item 7. Operational activities for development

(a) Operational activities of the United Nations system

Documentation — Report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Cooperation for the comprehensive triennial policy review of operational activities for development undertaken by the United Nations system (General Assembly resolutions 35/81 of 5 December 1980, 41/171 of 5 December 1986, 42/196 of 11 December 1987, 44/211 of 23 February 1990, [A/C.2.46/L.66 and L.69 and Corr.1]) c/

[Report of the Director-General on a strategy of training for United Nations staff members and national officials involved in operational activities (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.66)]

[Report of the Director-General on the contributions of the operational activities of the United Nations system to the enhancement of the scientific and technological capacities of developing countries (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.66)]

(b) United Nations Development Programme

Documentation — Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme c/

(c) United Nations Population Fund

Documentation — Relevant chapter of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme

(d) United Nations Children's Fund

Documentation — Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 45/217 of 21 December 1990 on the World Summit for Children c/

(e) World Food Programme

Documentation — Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Item 8. International cooperation for economic growth and development

(a) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of the Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the steps taken by Governments, organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system towards implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.79)

(b) Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade (General Assembly resolution 45/199 of 21 December 1990) c/

Item 9. Industrial development cooperation and the diversification and modernization of productive activities in developing countries

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on ways and means of promoting the enhancement of United Nations activities with regard to the training of scientists, engineers and entrepreneurs from developing countries (General Assembly resolutions 45/196, para. 9, and A/C.2/46/L.72)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination on ways and means of fostering United Nations system activities with regard to industrial development cooperation and the diversification and modernization of productive activities in developing countries (General Assembly resolutions 45/196, para. 10, and A/C.2/46/L.72)

[Item 10. International conference on the financing of development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the convening of an international conference on the financing of development (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.105)]

Item 11. Special economic and disaster relief assistance

(a) Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Coordinator

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Coordinator (General Assembly resolution 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/63 of 26 July 1990)

(b) Special programmes of economic assistance

Documentation — Reports of the Secretary-General on individual countries and regions

Report of the Secretary-General presenting summary reports on countries with no separate individual reports in that year

Item 12. International assistance for the economic rehabilitation of Angola

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.49

[Item 13. International cooperation to mitigate the environmental consequences on Kuwait and other countries in the region resulting from the situation between Iraq and Kuwait

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.71] c/

Item 14. Training and research

(a) United Nations University

Documentation — Report of the Council of the United Nations University c/

[(b) United Nations Institute for Training and Research

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.77]

[Item 15. Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.30/Rev.1] c/

[Item 16. Environment and agricultural protectionist policies

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the relationship between protectionist agricultural policies and the environment (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.74)]

1993 d/

Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council e/ *

(a) Target for World Food Programme pledges for the period 1995-1996

Documentation Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

(b) Special assistance to Namibia

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.84

Item 2. Development and international economic cooperation

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on economic stabilization programmes in developing countries (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.16)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the South Commission (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.73)

(a) Trade and development

Documentation Report of the Trade and Development Board (General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) of 30 December 1964) c/

[Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution on economic measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.55)]

[Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on progress in the implementation of specific action related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.57)]

---

* Under this item, the Second Committee will also have before it the report of the World Food Council.

[(b) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.104]

(c) Effective mobilization and integration of women in development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the effective mobilization and integration of women in development (General Assembly resolutions 42/178 of 11 December 1987, and A/C.2/46/L.61) c/

Preliminary version of the updated World Survey on the Role of Women in Development (General Assembly resolutions 44/77 of 8 December 1989 and 44/171 of 19 December 1989) c/

(d) World Decade for Cultural Development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on progress in the implementation of the World Decade for Cultural Development (General Assembly resolutions 41/187 of 8 December 1986, 44/238 of 22 December 1989 and 45/189 of 21 December 1990) c/

(e) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

Documentation — Report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (General Assembly resolution 33/134 of 19 December 1978) c/

[Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution on technical cooperation among developing countries (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.18)]

Report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Coordination Conference (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.93)

(f) Environment

Documentation — Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (General Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972) c/

Note by the Secretary-General on international conventions and protocols in the field of the environment (General Assembly resolution 3436 (XXX) of 9 December 1975)

(g) Desertification and drought

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolutions on the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification (General Assembly resolutions 32/172 of 19 December 1977 and 40/209 of 17 December 1985) c/

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region (General Assembly resolutions 3054 (XXVIII) of 17 October 1973 and 40/209 of 17 December 1985) c/

(h) Human settlements

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Human Settlements, including the report of the Commission on the implementation of the Global Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000 (General Assembly resolutions 32/162 of 19 December 1977, 43/180 and 43/181 of 20 December 1988) c/

(i) Science and technology for development

Documentation

Report of the Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development (General Assembly resolutions 34/218 of 19 December 1979 and 39/217 of 18 December 1984) c/

[Report of the Secretary-General on ways and means of strengthening endogenous capacity-building in the developing countries (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.23)]

(j) Entrepreneurship

Documentation

Relevant section of the report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Cooperation on the operational activities of the United Nations system (General Assembly resolution 45/188 of 21 December 1990) c/

[Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.25/Rev.2)]

Item 3. Operational activities for development

(a) Operational activities of the United Nations system

Documentation — Report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Cooperation on the operational activities of the United Nations system (General Assembly resolutions 41/171, 44/171 of 19 December 1989 and 44/211 of 22 December 1989) c/

(b) United Nations Development Programme

Documentation — Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme c/

(c) United Nations Capital Development Fund

Documentation — Relevant chapter of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme

(d) United Nations technical co-operation activities

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on United Nations technical cooperation activities

Relevant chapter of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme

(e) United Nations Volunteers programme

Documentation — Relevant chapter of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme

Item 4. International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction (General Assembly resolutions 44/236 of 22 December 1989 and A/C.2/46/L.39) c/

Item 5. Special programmes of economic assistance

Documentation — Reports of the Secretary-General on individual countries

Reports of the Secretary-General presenting summary reports on countries with no separate individual reports in that year

Item 6. Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration of International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of the Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution on regional economic integration among developing countries (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.82)

Item 7. Human resources development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.99

## Notes

a/ The Second Committee will, in accordance with established practice and in pursuance of General Assembly decision 38/429, hold a general debate each year at the beginning of its work.

b/ The list of questions and documentation under this item is only indicative of requests for reports from the General Assembly. The list will be finalized after the Economic and Social Council completes its work in 1992.

c/ Report submitted to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council.

d/ The programme of work and documentation list for 1993 will be updated in 1992, taking into account the relevant decisions of the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session.

e/ The list of questions and documentation under this item is only indicative of requests for reports from the General Assembly. The list will be finalized after the Council completes its work in 1993.

---